THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Some senior leaders of the country have died in plane crashes in the past. However, in the last three years out of the 16 accidents to Indian Civil Registered aircraft only one accident involved fatal injury to a senior leader.

(c) Guidelines exist in form of Aircraft Rules, Civil Aviation Requirements and Circulars for maintenance and operations to have safe aircraft operations, which are reviewed and modified from time to time as per requirement. Adherence to the guidelines is ensured during safety audits/surveillance inspection by Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

Assessment of losses of Air India

1228. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Carrier Air India has been making losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has made any assessment as to what are the causes for the continuous losses by the airlines; and

(d) the details of steps being taken to plug the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. NACIL has incurred losses since 2007-08. NACIL has taken several initiatives to turnaround the performance of the company and focussing on Cost Reduction and Revenue Enhancement. These losses have been due to low yields and load factors caused by the prevalent economic recession.

Recruitment of security personnel for airports

†1229. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India in collaboration with a private company has recruited employees for the security of aeroplanes and airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these employees are being provided the same facilities which are being extended to the staff of Air India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some employees have been sacked for their protest over not making same facilities available to them; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No employee in NACIL has been recruited for the security of aeroplanes and airports.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.